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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 3071 ACTION SECTION SEPT 5

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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE MEETING, SEPT. 4

1. SUMMARY: COMITE DECIDED ON SEVERAL COURSES OF ACTION RELATING TO ALLEGED SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS BY GABON (AFFRETAIR) AND OTHERS. SUDANESE REP (IBRAHIM) BROUGHT UP QUESTIONS OF BOEINGS AND ALLEGED U.S. VIOLATIONS OUTLINED IN CARNEGIE REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. MOST OF MEETING DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF "GABON CONNECTION." FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

A. NOTES TO BE SENT SEPT 5 TO MISSIONS OF GABON AND GREECE, SETTING FORTH INFO DESCRIBED IN BRITISH PRESS, ESTABLISHING THAT, IF TRUE, SUCH WOULD CONSTITUTE "GRAVE" VIOLATIONS UN SANCTIONS, AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFO URGENTLY, FOR COMITE STUDY SEPT. 13. COMITE CHAIRMAN ALSO

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WILL TELEPHONE MISSIONS, UNDERLINING THIS URGENCY. IN NOTE

TO GREEKS, COMITE EXPRESSES DISSATISFACTION WITH PRELIMINARY UNSOLICITED GREEK NOTE ON SUBJECT, DATED AUG. 29, WHICH REPORTS MINISTRY OF NAT'L ECONOMY ANNOUNCEMENT AUG. 28 THAT "COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CHAMBER OF GREECE HAS NEVER APPROVED ANY INVOICES FOR IMPORT OF MEAT AND OTHER PRODUCTS FROM RHODESIA. THEREFORE, REPORT IN SUNDAY TIMES OF LONDON, WHICH WAS REPRINTED IN ATHENS, IS INCORRECT." (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPT)

B. NOTES TO BE SENT SEPT 5 TO FRG AND NETHERLANDS, ALSO MENTIONED IN ARTICLES, REQUESTING INFO FROM THEM BY SEPT 13. UK, FRANCE AND U.S. ALSO FORMALLY ASKED ORALLY TO PROVIDE INFO BY THAT DATE. COMITE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH STATEMENT MADE BY U.S. REP, THAT U.S. INVESTIGATION ALREADY UNDERWAY CONCERNING DC-8. COMITE MEMBERS HOPED THAT WE MIGHT HAVE FURTHER DETAILS BY SEPT. 13.

C. NOTES ALSO TO BE SENT SEPT. 5 TO ZAMBIA, LIBYA AND MISSIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES OVER WHICH COMITE SECRETARY DEEMS TANGO ROMEO MAY OVERFLY, CALLING ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE SANCTIONS VIOLATION BY AIRCRAFT.

D. PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED BY COMITE SEPT. 5 REPORTING THAT COMITE IS ACTIVELY PURSUING CASE.

E. "PERSONAL" LETTERS TO BE SENT SEPT. 5 BY COMITE CHAIRMAN TO EDITORS OF "SUNDAY TIMES" OF LONDON AND "GUARDIAN", ASKING FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFO MAY BE AVAILABLE, TO BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL BY COMITE.

3. SUDANESE REP HAD DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF NOTE FROM HIS GOVT. TO COMITE, SUGGESTING THAT LATTER ASK SYG TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF USG INFO THAT:

A. AIR RHODESIA'S NEW YORK OFFICE HAS "ORDERED" BOEINGS AND

B. "ONE OF MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF APPROVED VENDOR SPARES IN USA NOW IS IN CONTACT" WITH AIR RHODESIA'S N.Y. OFFICE TO SUPPLY THEM WITH ANY REQUIREMENTS. NOTE ASKS WHY THESE ALLEGED ACTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE. (COPY OF NOTE--UN-3576/717--BEING POUCHED DEPT) DOES DEPT WISH US TO OBJECT ON PRINCIPLE TO LETTER BEING SENT TO U.S. AS MEMBER OF COMITE? (STATE 152629) WE ALREADY HAVE EXPRESSED OUR BELIEF THAT SUCH IS "NOT NECESSARY", AND DELIVERED DEPT'S PREPARED STATEMENT ON BOEING INVESTIGATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(WITH WHICH SUDANESE NOTED HIS SATISFACTION).

4. SUDANESE ALSO ASKED COMITE SECRETARY TO PREPARE AND CIRCULATE APRIL 30 AND JULY 16 "SPIEGEL" ARTICLES ON BOEINGS AND AUG. 6 LETTERS TO "SPIEFEL" FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND FRG ON SAME SUBJECT.

5. SUDANESE NEXT MENTIONED CARNEGIE REPORT AND

SPECIFICALLY, RHODESIAN AD IN "JOURNAL OF COMMERCE," A COPY OF WHICH HE ALSO ASKED BE CIRCULATED. FOLLOWING U.S. STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION ON SUCH ADS, SUDANESE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION, WHICH WAS ECHOED PRIVATELY FOLLOWING MEETING BY AUSTRALIAN REP. BELIEVE IT LIKELY WE'LL HAVE DIFFICULT TIME ON THIS POINT. U.S. REP ALSO DELIVERED TO COMITE PRESS GUIDANCE ON CARNEGIE REPORT IN GENERAL. SUDANESE THEN VOICED HIS HOPE FOR A "POSITIVE" CONGRESSIONAL MOVE ON BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH "WOULD TRANSLATE U.S. GOOD WILL INTO ACTION." SUDANESE SAID HE ALSO INTENDED TO ZERO IN ON RHODESIAN INFO OFFICE IN FUTURE MEETINGS. HE THEN PROPOSED THAT UDI DAY BE DECLARED AS "INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS DAY." NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS SUGGESTION.

6. ON OTHER MATTERS COMITE AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT'S LEGAL COUNSEL WOULD REWORK ITS INTERPRETATION OF CASE 113, AND THAT FUTURE MEETING WOULD STUDY DRAFTS OF LETTERS ON SUBJECT TO BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION (A) TO SWITZERLAND AND (B) TO ALL STATES MEMBERS. AT SEPT 6. MEETING, COMITE WILL DISCUSS CASES 109, 100 AND 31.
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